

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 19-38 are pending in the application, with 19, 24, and 31 being the independent claims. The specification of the present application is sought to be amended to update the status of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/307,293 and to correct minor typographical errors. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Rejections Based On Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

On page one of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 19-38 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Applicants are submitting concurrently herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) to overcome this rejection. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

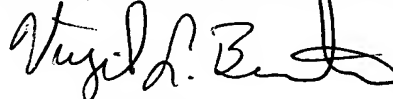
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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